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AMENDMENT

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Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application in which the Examiner rejected claims 72-113. Claim 114 is allowed. Claims 1-71 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants again traverse the restriction and/or election requirement for claims 1-71 and reserve the right to seek further prosecution of those claims by filing a divisional application based on these claims.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 72-102 and 105-112 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hardman (U.S. publication 2002-0075145).

Applicants also traverse the rejection of claims 103-104 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardman in view of Schaeffer (U.S. Patent 5,048,166).

Applicants are pleased to note that claim 114 is allowed.

Please amend the claims of this application as follows: